



City Administrator's Report

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Key Meetings

- August 8, 15, 22 ▪ City Council Meetings.

Community Events

- August 2 – 6 ▪ ***Old Spanish Days Fiesta***, De la Guerra Plaza and MacKenzie Park. Includes Fiesta Mercados (outdoor market and music) on August 2nd through 6th. Fiesta Dance Concert Finale, Plaza del Mar, on August 6th. For more information, go to <http://www.oldspanishdays-fiesta.org>.
- August 10, 17, 24 ▪ ***Concerts in the Park***, Chase Palm Park, 6 – 8:30 p.m. Bring blankets and picnic baskets and enjoy great music for free. For more information, go to www.sbparksandrecreation.com.
- August 19 ▪ ***Educational Compost and Gardening Workshop***, Yanonali Community Gardens, 9:30 to 11 a.m. For more information, call 564-5589.

Flags on State Street: www.santabarbaradowntown.com

- July 28 – August 6 ▪ Old Spanish Days
- August 7 – 18 ▪ Alzheimer's Association
- August 18 – 28 ▪ Heal the Ocean
- August 28 – Sept 8 ▪ September 11th Remembrance

Administrative Services

Digital Microwave Network Expansion for City Fire Stations. Information Services, in conjunction with the City Fire Department, is upgrading the computer network connection to all City Fire Stations with a new high speed digital microwave network. The primary benefit of this expansion is to allow training material to be delivered at each of the fire stations via streaming video technology. This in-station training is expected to keep response times at their best because staff can receive training at the station instead of requiring staff to travel to a training facility, also reducing logistics/overtime workloads. Equipment is being installed in late July and the training capability should be operational in the November timeframe.

Watching City Council meetings online. At the City Council meeting on August 1st, the city's new streaming video technology was introduced to the public, media, and city staff. Proceedings of the City Council meetings are available online via the Internet, both live during the actual meeting, or in an archive mode after Council minutes have been published. This new feature uses Streaming Video technology, which allows for an Internet viewer to watch and listen to the Council proceedings as well as simultaneously review the agenda or minutes. To learn more about this, please see the City website at www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov and click on the "Watch Council Meetings Online" link.

Ethics Training. On July 24th, Mayor Marty Blum, Councilmembers, and 112 other individuals from the City Council, Planning Commission, Architectural Board of Review, and City supervisors and managers attended Ethics Training. Board members and staff from the Metropolitan Transit District and the Santa Barbara Housing Authority also attended. This class met the new Ethics training requirement, per Assembly Bill 1234, and covered such topics as Conflicts of Interest, Campaign Contributions, Acceptance of Gifts, the Brown Act, and Conduct Upon Leaving Office.

Job Openings. The City's Human Resources Office is currently recruiting for 13 positions, including Finance Analyst I, Recreation Supervisor-Sports, and Active Adults & Classes Coordinator for Parks and Recreation. Applications for Firefighter will be accepted August 4th – 18th. Please log onto <http://www.santabarbaraca.gov/Government/Employment/Openings/> for more information regarding the City's regular and hourly job openings.

Marijuana Initiative Petition. In May 2006, the City Clerk's office received an initiative petition with close to 12,000 signatures. The measure proposed to make marijuana offenses the Police Department's lowest law enforcement priority in the City. Since the petition contained signatures representing over 15% of the registered voters in the City, the initiative qualified for a special municipal election, which will be held on November 7th and coincide with the statewide general election.

Municipal Election Reform. In March 2006, the City Council appointed the Municipal Election Reform Subcommittee. Comprised of Mayor Marty Blum and Councilmembers Brian Barnwell and Roger Horton, the Subcommittee is considering options for Mayoral and Council election campaign reforms and financing. The committee has met with interested citizens to discuss municipal election reform ideas and will report back to the full Council with recommendations. To date, the Subcommittee has held four Subcommittee meetings and one public meeting.

City Advisory Groups. In February 2006, the City Council appointed Councilmembers Helene Schneider, Brian Barnwell and Grant House to serve on the City Advisory Group Subcommittee. The subcommittee was formed to focus on streamlining the City Advisory Group appointment process and outreach efforts to assist in filling vacancies. The City Clerk's Office staff has been attending the subcommittee meetings and continues to work closely with the committee members. To date, the subcommittee has held five subcommittee meetings and anticipates bringing a report to the full Council on their efforts in the near future.

City Administrator

Labor negotiations. Labor negotiations with the Police Officers union continue. On July 13th, the union declared impasse, but agreed to the City's request for mediation through the State Mediation and Conciliation Service. Both sides agree that recruitment and retention challenges dictate a generous contract, but the amount of the contract has still not been settled. The City's current offer totals 19% over three years. We are hopeful that an agreement can be reached.

City TV's August Episode of "Inside Santa Barbara." The show is a monthly, 30-minute, newsmagazine program that informs Santa Barbara residents about City issues, events, and projects. The August episode of "Inside Santa Barbara" was filmed from the annual State Junior Lifeguard Championships at East Beach. This show will take viewers to the Westside, where a major cleanup project is underway along the railroad tracks. It will also cover the dedication of city employees through their use of vermicompost and zero-waste events. "Inside Santa Barbara" also goes inside the Police Department's crime lab, where a statewide fingerprint database is helping to track down criminals. The show also brings the public inside the annual Semana Nautica Sports Festival. In addition, learn about the Sycamore Creek cleanup and how volunteers are helping to improve water quality and remove trash. Finally, "Inside Santa Barbara" goes to this year's French Festival and shows how Santa Barbara salutes our French friends with music, dancing, and food. This edition of "Inside Santa Barbara" will premiere on Saturday August 5th at 9 p.m. on City TV Channel 18. It is replayed each week on Monday at 8 p.m., Tuesday at 5 p.m., Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., Saturday at 9:00 p.m. and Sunday at 10:30 p.m. For more information, contact City TV at 564-5311 or visit our webpage at www.citytv18.com.

Airport

Passenger count for first half of 2006 is up. 421,679 passengers arrived and departed at the Santa Barbara Airport. January through June of this year; a 1.1% increase over the same period last year. During June SBA's non-stop routes with the highest average passenger volumes were Denver (United Express) at 93%, Dallas/Fort Worth (American Eagle) at 92%, and Portland (Horizon Air) at 85%.

15-acre Airport site to be developed. Bermant Development Company (BDC) will design and build 180,000 square feet of research and development, office, and service retail space on 15-acres near Hollister and Fairview Avenues. On July 11th, City Council approved two 50-year leases with BDC to construct two buildings totaling 160,000 square feet for Citrix Systems, Inc. The other 20,000 square feet will be service retail space to include a restaurant on the corner of Frederic Lopez Road and Hollister Avenue, across the street from the Elephant Bar Restaurant. The Citrix construction is scheduled to begin this fall and is expected to be complete in two years.

Community Development Department

State of the Building and Safety Division Presentation. On June 30th, the Building and Safety management team opened our doors and invited local architects, engineers and members of the public to a presentation on the State of the Building and Safety Division. While one goal was to share information about our processes, we also welcomed constructive feedback about the services that our division provides to the community. In all, approximately 28 members of the public attended.

According to Paul Casey, Community Development Director and George Estrella, Chief Building Official, the open meeting was a success. We received some valuable suggestions on ways to improve service, and also heard that our current customer service is excellent.

Planning Commission meetings. Planning Commission will hold two meetings in August.

On August 17th, the Planning Commission will consider the proposed Cottage Workforce Housing Project, involving demolition of the former St. Francis Hospital and construction of 115 residential units, 70% of which are proposed to meet City affordability requirements and will be for sale to Cottage Hospital employees.

On August 24th, the Planning Commission will review proposed changes to the Veronica Meadows project that would reduce the total number of units from 23 to 15. The Commission will provide comments to City Council regarding the revised Specific Plan and project design.

Mental Health Association Begins Construction. The Mental Health Association's Building Hope Project at 617 Garden Street is about to go to construction. This mixed-use project, assisted by the City and the Redevelopment Agency for its affordable housing and other community benefits, will include Association program and administrative space, 51 units of affordable housing, a parking structure, and condominium office space on which the City holds a

purchase option. The City's Garden Street employee parking lot has been contributed to the project, with the City's parking spaces being replaced in the parking structure.

Demolition of structures on the site has begun. Full construction activities are scheduled for September 15th and should take approximately 18 months. While the parking structure is being built, which will take approximately one year, employees will park in the Anacapa/Cota Commuter Lot.

Fire Department

Emergency Services Manager Appointment. We are pleased to announce that Yolanda McGlinchey has accepted an offer to serve as the City's first full time Emergency Services Manager. Yolanda has over 15 years of experience in the Emergency Services/Public Safety arena, eight years of which she served in the Santa Barbara City Police Department and another five years with the County Office of Emergency Services. Her first day in the new position will be August 28th. The Fire Department is anxious to develop a comprehensive emergency management program for the community and take the current state of disaster preparedness to "the next level".

Wildland Fire Mutual Aid Activity. The past several weeks have been very busy for many of our firefighters, as they have provided aid to many communities throughout the State, and as far away as Wyoming. Twice during this time period, as many as fifteen Santa Barbara City Firefighters were deployed on large wildland fires in northern and southern California. This has been a very active (and early) fire season and all indications are that the heavy fire activity is going to continue for several more months, with lightening strikes being the primary cause thus far.

Approval of Wildland Fire Suppression Assessment District. On July 11th, the City Council authorized the implementation of a new benefit assessment district within the foothill high fire hazard areas of the City. Approved by a majority vote of property owners in the area, the Wildland Fire Suppression District will provide consistent funding for additional wildland fire services in the foothill high fire hazard areas to reduce the severity and damage from wildland fires.

The proceeds from the assessment will go towards:

1. Expansion of the vegetation road clearance program to cover all public roads within the high fire hazard area in the Foothill and Extreme Foothill Zones.
2. Implementation of a defensible space and fire prevention inspection and assistance program for all properties in the high fire hazard area in the Foothill and Extreme Foothill Zones.
3. Implementation of a vegetation management program in the foothill high fire hazard areas of the City.

Finance Department

Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) Grows 2.3%. Revenues for the month of June were up 2.3% from the prior June, and our growth for fiscal year 2006 was 8.2%. This left us slightly below our estimate of 8.6%, which was the basis for our revenue projection for fiscal year 2007. TOT revenues slowed quite a bit in the second half of the fiscal year, growing only 3.4%, compared to 12.7% in the first half of the fiscal year.

The final June and year-end numbers in the table below reflect slightly better results because they include one-time amounts due as a result of a TOT audit for prior years. We will accrue additional revenues of \$39,265, which is included in the adjusted amounts and percentages for both June and the fiscal year-end totals, as shown below.

City of Santa Barbara								
TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAXES								
Month	FY 2003	Change from Prior Year	FY 2004	Change from Prior Year	FY 2005	Change from Prior Year	FY 2006	Change from Prior Year
July	\$ 1,183,951	1.1%	\$ 1,198,952	1.3%	\$ 1,301,652	8.6%	\$ 1,477,789	13.5%
Aug	1,328,278	4.1%	1,349,990	1.6%	1,357,717	0.6%	1,504,589	10.8%
Sept	849,174	5.0%	887,095	4.5%	931,244	5.0%	1,109,428	19.1%
Oct	830,054	4.9%	863,919	4.1%	914,718	5.9%	963,261	5.3%
Nov	684,776	4.7%	696,742	1.7%	721,982	3.6%	809,684	12.1%
Dec	529,694	-1.8%	553,094	4.4%	575,075	4.0%	671,965	16.8%
Jan	583,413	14.2%	584,653	0.2%	606,484	3.7%	661,507	9.1%
Feb	616,824	0.9%	703,493	14.1%	699,349	-0.6%	738,532	5.6%
Mar	704,942	-10.1%	782,652	11.0%	872,554	11.5%	855,597	-1.9%
April	793,352	-3.5%	875,760	10.4%	941,281	7.5%	1,000,696	6.3%
May	817,047	-4.6%	895,378	9.6%	1,001,450	11.8%	1,015,349	1.4%
June	942,897	-6.9%	973,955	3.3%	1,157,985	18.9%	1,224,031	5.7%
FY Total	\$ 9,864,403	0.3%	\$ 10,365,683	5.1%	\$ 11,081,490	6.9%	\$ 12,032,428	8.6%
Budget	\$ 9,974,700		\$ 10,273,900		\$ 10,684,900		\$ 11,504,200	
Includes only the 10% unrestricted TOT revenues. Beginning in January 2001, an additional 2% is credited to Creeks/Clean Water (Measure B).								

Library Department

Children's Summer Reading Program Popular. Midway through the Santa Barbara Public Library System Summer Reading Program – “Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales” – more than 20,000 children's books have been read so far, and the children's programs have been well-attended. WhizKidz staff will present a program on filmmaking for young folks, Zoo to You will bring wild animals to the libraries, and Traveling Lantern Theatre Company will present “The Hobbit.” Go to www.sbplibrary.org for times and locations.

Library Volunteer Orientation. On July 27th, over 20 potential volunteers received an introduction to the new Library Volunteer Program, hearing about opportunities to tutor adult literacy learners, help with library events and programs, read to children, assist others in using a computer, and more. Anyone interested in volunteer possibilities should call Ellen Cunningham at the Central Library, 564-5633.

2006 “Santa Barbara Reads” Selection Announced. The Santa Barbara Public Library System has chosen “My California; Journeys by Great Writers” for the 2006 Community Reads Program. “My California” is a collection of travel narratives and adventure stories by 27 California authors, including local writers Pico Iyer and Chryss Yost. This annual program encourages community members to read the same title and engage in discussions and related events. The program will kick off at the Santa Barbara Book and Author Festival on September 30 at the Central Library and will continue through October.

Parks and Recreation Department

Fall & Winter Activity Guide Available August 10th. The new *Parks & Recreation Activity Guide* featuring a wide variety of after school programs and activities; art, dance and music classes for kids; adult sports leagues; tennis and swimming programs; and art, fitness and dance classes for adults will be available online and in the Parks and Recreation offices starting August 10th. In addition, the guide will be delivered via postal route to all Santa Barbara City residents and distributed to Valley Voice readers in the 93110, 93111 and 93117 zip codes. Those wanting to try out an activity before signing up can refer to page 3, which lists all the free classes available during the popular Open House week at the Carrillo Recreation Center, September 11-15. For more information, go to www.sbparksandrecreation.com.

Vons Donates 24 Tons of Organic Compost to Community Gardens. City staff and the public are encouraged to attend an educational compost and gardening workshop featuring the delivery of 24 tons of compost (40 cubic yards) on Saturday, August 19th from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Yanonali Community Gardens. Since 1995, Vons has recycled nearly 100,000 tons of waste material annually in an effort to preserve valuable landfill space and improve the environment. A small percentage of their organic compost is donated each year to local communities. In addition to the compost delivery, there will be a composting demonstration, planting demonstration, and information available on the Green Gardener program, recycling and sustainable landscaping. For more information, call 564-5589.

Junior Lifeguards Take Over East Beach. About 1,500 Junior Lifeguards aged 8-17 competed in the State Championships at East Beach on July 21st under the scorching sun. Last hosted on the sands of East Beach in 1994, its first return in 12 years was a complete success. 32 of the 35 Jr. Lifeguard agencies from around California attended the championships. The Championships are no longer team scored, but it was evident that the Santa Barbara Junior Lifeguard program placed in the top 5 agencies along with Huntington Beach, Los Angeles County, Capitola, and Newport Beach. The Junior Lifeguard program next hosted the Fiesta Junior Guard competition on Friday July 28th at East Beach. Attendance averaged close to 1,500; however, only teams from the tri-county brought their entire team. Santa Barbara won the Fiesta competition.

Extensive safety improvements completed at the Santa Barbara Golf Club. The recent construction at Santa Barbara Golf Club encompassed improvements to both the exterior and the interior of the golf course. The purpose was to improve playability, maintain continuity of appearance, and enhance safety. The project took approximately one and a half months and was completed in June. Improvements included new greenside and fairway bunkers, new tees, new cart paths and re-sodding. Feedback from players has been overwhelmingly positive.

Not too late to sign up for the Russ Morrison Tournament. Golfers are encouraged to come out and play in the annual Russ Morrison Golf Tournament on Friday, August 18th starting at 10 a.m. Proceeds from this tournament directly benefit the Russ Morrison Junior Golf Program and, this year, will also provide some support for the Colton family (Charlotte Colton was killed in the Goleta Post Office tragedy this past spring). The tournament is a team scramble format. More information and a tournament application are at www.sbgolf.com or by calling 687-7087.

RAP Afterschool program begins August 28th. The Recreation Afterschool Program provided homework help, after school sports, field trips, art classes and fun to over 300 kids at five elementary school campuses last year. The RAP program begins again on August 28th for grades 1-6 at Cesar Chavez, Monroe, Open Alternative, Roosevelt and Washington schools. A Kindergarten program at Roosevelt school only is new this year. For more information and registration, call 564-5418.

Children's Fiesta Parade Marks its 76th Year. On Saturday, August 5th, more than 2,500 children will march down State Street as part of the 76th Annual Children's Fiesta Parade. The parade will begin at Victoria Street at 10am and conclude by noon at Ortega Street. In this favorite parade of Fiesta Week, Santa Barbara's early days are depicted by the children's costumes and on many hand-drawn carts and floats. More than fifteen local dance studios will be represented this year. Over 50 City employees and community volunteers work parade day to ensure that participating children and parents have one of the most extraordinary days of the year. For more information about the parade or to volunteer your time, please call 897-1982.

Police Department

Resisting Arrest. Suspects resisting arrest are nothing new for police officers, but July 13th was a doozy. Two officers tried to stop a man for riding his bicycle the wrong way up De la Vina Street. The suspect ditched his bike and took off running. Officers Palka and Lazarus caught the man as he fled over backyard fences. The suspect had a good reason to struggle because he possessed heroin, syringes, crack pipe and other assorted paraphernalia. The suspect, who has an extensive criminal history, was booked for drug charges and parole violation.

Later, Officers Jensen and Nelson chased after a man for a minor violation. The chase ended when the suspect was tackled to the ground. The suspect possessed one ounce of marijuana and is on probation for a prior sales conviction.

At 10:00 p.m., Officers Alvarado and Rullman responded to a call of a 43 year-old man breaking into his ex-girlfriend's house with a powered "Sawz-all". The suspect brandished the saw at the officers. The suspect threw down the saw and began to fight with the officers. The fight made it

difficult for officers to call for backup, but the suspect was finally arrested. The suspect fought his restraints all the way into the Emergency Room until he was pumped with a powerful muscle relaxant. One officer was treated for bruising and was released.

At 11:45 p.m., Officers Klug & Payne encountered a woman trespassing at a retirement facility. She has a history of violence, and kept her streak alive this arrest. She was handcuffed and booked, but not before kicking one officer in the shins.

At 11:58 p.m., Officer Morton arrested a 21 year-old man for causing a disturbance at the Sandbar Nightclub on State Street. He fought with the officer and security staff before being taken into custody for disturbing the peace.

Surveillance Pays Off. On July 19th at 6 a.m., a cab took three men from the MTD Bus Station on Chapala St. to Victoria and Santa Barbara St. The men had an item wrapped in a sheet. The men stashed the mysterious package in some bushes, and tried paying the cab fare with a credit card in a woman's name. The cabbie was suspicious and the suspects fled without the credit card. The credit card had been stolen the night before from a woman dancing at the Sandbar Nightclub. The item under the sheet turned out to be a stolen television from a room at the Hotel Andalucía, paid for with the stolen credit card. The T.V. was conveniently stashed across the street from a pawn shop. Knowing that crooks sometimes return to the scene of the crime, Detective Suarez set up surveillance on the stolen T.V. Sure enough, two suspects returned and were arrested. They admitted to using the stolen credit card all over town, and to stealing the T.V. In addition, they confessed to roof-top burglaries of Staples and home improvement stores. On July 24th, the third suspect was tracked down and arrested for forgery and multiple counts of burglary. This little crime spree is now officially over.

17 Arrests Made in Sweep. On August 1st, the Police Department conducted a broad 'sweep' operation. The sweep was conducted by a taskforce comprised of forty police officers, sheriff's deputies, county probation officers, and state parole agents. The taskforce formed five teams that collectively went to forty-one locations throughout Santa Barbara and Goleta. The objective of the sweep was to arrest wanted fugitives and conduct searches based on probation and parole search terms. The teams also verified the addresses of people on probation and/or parole and conducted surprise drug tests. Most of the contacts were directed at known gang members or associates, many of whom have a history of violence. Sweep target locations included the lower East and West sides, upper State Street, and Goleta. The sweep took place the day before Fiesta. History has proven that fugitives and gang members commit a disproportionate number of criminal offenses during Fiesta. Public safety remains a top concern for the police department. Thirteen adults were arrested and booked at County Jail and four juveniles were booked at Juvenile Hall. Police seized a collection of drug contraband, knives, and two machetes. As in past years, a variety of measures are being utilized to ensure that this Fiesta is free from major crime problems.

Public Works Department

Railroad Cleanup Project. On July 12th and 13th, a sizeable crew comprised of 13 Streets and 10 Parks employees cleaned debris from two full blocks of the railroad corridor between Anapamu and Carrillo Streets. They removed 200 cubic yards of green waste vegetation and 12 yards of transient debris, filling 14 City truckloads and four 25-yard MarBorg roll-off dumpsters. They also collected nearly 200 needle syringes from the railroad corridor along the 1100 block of Walnut Avenue, which runs between Anapamu and Figueroa. Safety flagging service was provided by a Union Pacific flagman and Street Supervisor James Russell, and additional security was provided by a UP police officer and a City Police officer. Using the City's Cartegraph work order system to track Streets Division labor and equipment costs, the Streets Division contribution totaled \$22,715. Contribution from the Parks and Recreation Department is similar. Disposal costs were "free" per the City's contract with MarBorg to provide extra services such as this one. The clean-up activity was video-recorded and will be part of the "Inside Santa Barbara" City-TV program that begins airing August 5th on Channel 18 and is repeated throughout the month of August.

Wastewater Update. Staff in the Wastewater section of Water Resources are continuing to develop a program to improve the operation of the City's wastewater collection system by encouraging, and sometimes requiring, property owners to maintain the sewer pipe laterals serving their homes and businesses. At their meeting on July 11th, the City Council Finance Committee recommended that the City fund a rebate program to assist homeowners with costs associated with repairing or replacing their laterals.

News from El Estero. Lash Construction has completed retrofitting the two anaerobic digesters at the El Estero Wastewater Treatment Plant. The digesters were completely recoated and a new mixing system was installed. The digesters breakdown and stabilize solids generated during wastewater treatment and clarification. A by-product of the digestion process is the production of methane gas that is used to generate electricity in the plant's two fuel cells. A new influent pump has also been installed at the plant. The influent pumps are critical in the plant's ability to get the wastewater up to the primary clarifiers where wastewater can be treated. The new pump is a new type, if it works effectively, three similar pumps will replace the existing pumps installed in the mid-1970s. Several other major projects are still underway at El Estero.

Milpas Street Beautification Project to Begin. On July 11th, City Council authorized awarding of the contract for the Milpas Street Beautification project to Granite Construction. The project will enhance pedestrian travel and safety, and includes added lighting, sidewalk repair, new trees, curb bulb-outs, and bus stop upgrades at Milpas and Canon Perdido Streets. These elements were selected after a significant public outreach process, and were approved by the Architectural Board of Review. This project should begin sometime in late August 2006, and completion is set for the first week of December 2006.

Mason Street Pedestrian Bridge Project Awarded. The City received ownership of the Mason Street Bridge (at Sycamore Creek) as part of the Highway 144 relinquishment. While found to be safe, it was determined to be too narrow for safe passage of both cars and pedestrians. Rather than replace it in its entirety with a wider bridge, a new pedestrian bridge will be built to one side, with additional pedestrian lighting installed. Separate from the cost savings involved in not starting from scratch, another advantage is that it will be less disruptive to neighbors. Schock Contracting Services was awarded the project, and work is expected to begin in September and be completed by November 15, 2006.

A New Bridge for Pedestrians in Oak Park. The current pedestrian bridge in Oak Park is old and deteriorating. Many people recall what it's like to attempt to cross the bridge or pass people on the bridge in either direction when attending one of the many summer festivals held there each year. With the completion of this year's festivals in September 2006, we are now poised to install a new bridge in Oak Park. The new metal bridge will include hand rails and be handicapped accessible, and the work will also include regrading the creek bed and banks. The bridge is anticipated to be completed in time for the winter rains.

The first major success of the Santa Barbara School District Recycling Committee. Following the first directive of the newly-formed Santa Barbara School District Recycling Committee, summer waste service level reductions have been enacted, saving the District over \$10,000 per month. MarBorg and Allied have been very cooperative working with the District to coordinate this first ever summer service level reduction. This is only the first step in an overall plan to reduce costs borne by the district while greatly improving recycling and waste diversion. The District, when considered as an aggregate, is the single largest waste generator in the City of Santa Barbara. While current solid waste collection bills total more than \$350,000 per year, through better recycling and waste stream optimization, the Committee is hoping to reduce their solid waste expenses by \$90,000. The Committee is a joint effort between the City and the School District and is led by Board member Lynn Rodriguez and City Councilmember Helene Schneider.

Waterfront Department

“Clean Marina” Certification. On July 17th, Santa Barbara Harbor became the 42nd facility to earn “Clean Marina” certification and one of only a handful of public marinas to have earned this distinction. The California Clean Marinas Program, established in 2004, is a statewide, industry-administered inspection and certification program intended to acknowledge marinas—public and private—that provide appropriate facilities and observe Best Management Practices for environmentally sound operations. The Program has been widely accepted by the marina industry and is endorsed by the state's Department of Boating and Waterways. The Santa Barbara Harbor received a score of 96%, far exceeding the minimum requirement for Clean Marina certification.

Western States Police and Fire Olympics – Harbor Patrol Officer Takes Fourth Place. On June 21, 2006 Officer Jan Martinez participated with nearly 100 other competitors from California, Oregon and Hawaii in the Western States Police and Fire Olympics in San Diego. Officer Martinez competed in the surfing event held at San Clemente State Beach in solid 4-6 ft south swells. This event promotes camaraderie among the many participating public safety departments, including police, fire, border patrol, corrections, harbor patrol, lifeguards,

and park rangers. Martinez represented Santa Barbara well in the men's senior surfing division (ages 31 to 39). After 4 heats and a spot in the finals, Martinez took the division's fourth place. The heats were challenging and the event was top notch. This was Jan's first year participating. He plans on participating in the World Police and Fire Olympics held in Adelaide Australia in 2007.